

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-54. (canceled)

55. (new) A suspension package comprising:

a product-supporting platform having first and second opposed faces;

two end panels, each pivotally connected to a respective end of the product-supporting platform;

two reinforcing flaps, each pivotally connected to an inner edge of the end panels, wherein the reinforcing flaps are configured to contact the second face of the product-supporting platform;

two side panels, each pivotally connected to a respective side of the product-supporting platform; and

an elastomeric enclosure mounted between the two end panels and extending over the first face of the product-supporting platform; wherein

the elastomeric enclosure is selected from the group consisting of a C-fold hammock, an inverted C-fold hammock, a bellows-fold hammock, a pair of first and second film materials, and combinations thereof;

the two side panels are configured to pivot towards the first face of the product-supporting platform and to be configured substantially perpendicular thereto; and

the two end panels are configured to pivot between an un-tensioned state and a tensioned state, wherein in the tensioned state, acute angles are configured to form between the second face of the product-supporting platform and each of the end panels, and wherein the end panels are configured to provide a spring action against a surface in contact therewith.

56. (new) The invention of claim 55 wherein the acute angles are not greater than fifty degrees.

57. (new) The invention of claim 55 wherein each of the two end panels and the two side panels is connected to the product-supporting platform along a score line.

58. (new) The invention of claim 55 wherein the product-supporting platform, the two end panels, and the two side panels are formed from a single sheet of material.

59. (new) The invention of claim 58 wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of paperboard, corrugated paperboard, plastics, and fiberboard.

60. (new) The invention of claim 58 wherein the material comprises corrugated paperboard.

61. (new) The invention of claim 55 wherein the elastomeric enclosure comprises a polymeric film.

62. (new) The invention of claim 61 wherein the polymeric film is attached to each of the two end panels by a fastener selected from the group consisting of staples, adhesives, stitches, and combinations thereof.

63. (new) The invention of claim 61 wherein the elastomeric enclosure comprises a bellows-fold hammock.

64. (new) The invention of claim 55 wherein at least a portion of a bottom surface of the elastomeric enclosure is attached to the first face of the product-supporting platform.

65. (new) The invention of claim 55 wherein at least a portion of a bottom surface of the elastomeric enclosure is attached to the first face of the product-supporting platform with an adhesive.

66. (new) The invention of claim 55 wherein the product-supporting platform comprises at least one perforation.

67. (new) The invention of claim 55 wherein the product-supporting platform comprises a plurality of perforations configured to form a plurality of flaps, and wherein the flaps are configured to bend towards the second face of the product-supporting platform when a product rests thereon.

68. (new) The invention of claim 67 wherein at least one of the flaps comprises a V-shape.

69. (new) The invention of claim 67 wherein at least one of the flaps comprises a rectangular shape.

70. (new) The invention of claim 55 wherein the product-supporting platform, the two end panels, the two side panels, and the two reinforcing flaps are formed from a single sheet of material.

71. (new) The invention of claim 70 wherein the product-supporting platform, the two side panels, and the two reinforcing flaps are single-wall and the two end panels are double-wall.

72. (new) The invention of claim 71 wherein the single sheet of material is folded along outer edges of the end panels, such that first and second opposed layers of the double-wall are formed.

73. (new) The invention of claim 70 wherein the product-supporting platform and the two side panels are single-wall, wherein the two end panels are double-wall, and wherein the two reinforcing flaps are triple-wall.

74. (new) The invention of claim 73 wherein the single sheet of material is folded along inner and outer edges of the end panels, such that first and second opposed layers of the double-wall are formed, and first, second, and third layers of the triple-wall are formed.

75. (new) The invention of claim 70 wherein the product-supporting platform is single-wall, wherein the two side panels and the two end panels are double-wall, and wherein the two reinforcing flaps are triple-wall.

76. (new) The invention of claim 55 wherein the product-supporting platform comprises at least one opening, and wherein the at least one opening is circular, square, triangular, rectangular or product-shaped.

77. (new) A suspension package comprising:
a product-supporting platform having first and second opposed faces;
two end panels, each pivotally connected to a respective end of the product-supporting platform;
two reinforcing flaps, each pivotally connected to an inner edge of the end panels, wherein the reinforcing flaps are configured to contact the second face of the product-supporting platform;
two side panels, each pivotally connected to a respective side of the product-supporting platform; and
an elastomeric enclosure comprising a polymeric film, wherein the elastomeric enclosure is selected from the group consisting of a C-fold hammock, an inverted C-fold hammock, a bellows-fold hammock, a pair of first and second film materials, and combinations thereof, and wherein the

elastomeric enclosure is mounted between the two end panels and extends over the first face of the product-supporting platform; wherein

the product-supporting platform, the two end panels, and the two side panels are formed from a single sheet of corrugated paperboard;

the two side panels are configured to pivot towards the first face of the product-supporting platform and to be configured substantially perpendicular thereto; and

the two end panels are configured to pivot between an untensioned state and a tensioned state, wherein in the tensioned state, acute angles are configured to form between the second face of the product-supporting platform and each of the end panels, and wherein the end panels are configured to provide a spring action against a surface in contact therewith.